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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0188

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1. AMBASSADOR HERNAN VEITTIMILLA, DIRGEN OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DISCUSSED WITH POLCOUNSELOR ON JANUARY 22,
GOE'S VIEWS TOWARD CURRENT CHILE-ARGENTINA DISPUTE OVER
ISLANDS IN BEAGLE STRAIT. VEINTIMILLA SAID THAT ECUADOR HAD
A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE CONFRONTATION BECAUSE ITS
NATIONAL SECURITY ESTIMATES WERE PREDICATED ON PERU'S
DEVOTING ITS MAJOR ATTENTION TO CHILE. IF CHILE WERE
THREATENED WITH MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ARGENTINA, IT WOULD
REQUIRE MOVING TROOPS AWAY FROM ITS NORTHERN BORDER. PERU
COULD THEN CHOOSE TO EXPLOIT THE CHILEAN FRONTIER WEAKNESS
OR TURN ITS ATTENTION TO ECUADOR. AT THE VERY LEAST,
VEINTIMILLA ANALYZED, PERU COULD AFFORD TO TREAT ITS
BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH ECUADOR WITH SOMEWHAT LESS
URGENCY BECAUSE OF THE DIMINUTION OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY
PRESENCE TO THE SOUTH.

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2. VEINTIMILLA DOUBTED WHETHER THE CURRENT PROBLEM WOULD
COME TO WAR. WHOEVER, CHILE'S STRONG JURIDICAL POSITION
IN LIGHT OF THE ARBITRATION COMBINED WITH ARGENTINA'S
UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT A CHILEAN PRESENCE
IN THE ATLANTIC -- 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ALL -- MIGHT
RENDER A QUICK RESOLUTION VERY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE.
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